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Its hard to express my disappointment in your decision to settle on such weak and meaningless terms. I am a software developer in MN. MN is dominated by MS. Most IE managers are afraid to use anything else. During the trial this mentality was weakened and IT workers were starting to convince our employers that open source and alternative technologies were safe to use. I was actually proud of our government for what they did. MS was destroying our industry, and they were about to save it before it was too late. But, now its over and MS won. I can't understand that you could settle on with these weak provisions when just 1-2 years ago you wanted to break the company up. That's quite a change of heart. Almost 180 degrees. Its truly sad, and I hope it wasn't a back room deal.

Now the fight is over. IT managers view MS as stronger than the government itself. Most of the IE developers who were fighting in the trenches for the DOJ, the fight for public opinion, are not unemployed or shunned.

You failed those who supported you. Now what are we supposed to do?

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